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A very happy couple is evidenced in the above photo as "Dickie" and Charlene Rush Lawson leave the church amid a shower of rice following their wedding on July 3, 1976.

TODAY'S WEDDINGS REFLECT BOTH TRADITIONS AND TIMES

GARDEN WEDDING is a charming alternative to ultra-formal arrangements, may be the choice of many a young couple this spring.

It used to be that weddings were limited to three classifications: informal, with the ceremony held in a church, chapel, home, club, garden or hotel; formal, held in a church, chapel, home, club or hotel; and ultra-formal, held in church.

Now there's yet another classification — *very* informal, as young couples search for new ways to express their feelings about love and life. A meadow, a beach, or a park may very well be chosen as the site for a wedding ceremony nowadays. Or, if the happy pair has a special hobby or interest, the ceremony may even take place in an airplane, as it did for one couple in the skies above the San Fernando Valley in Southern California. Other couples have married on horseback, (with the entire bridal party on horseback) aboard a boat, or even in a submarine. (The groom was a naval officer.)

In the Ozarks of Missouri, a lovely cavern has become so popular as a wedding site that it is now known as "The Bridal Cave."

Most young couples wanting to get away from the stiff formality of church or chapel weddings will probably choose to be married in the family garden, however. Aside from the sentimental attraction of a place you know and love, the family garden can provide a lovely setting for the wedding ceremony, with its flowers, trees and grass.

If a young couple should decide on a public park for their wedding rites, it would be advisable to check with the proper authorities first. In some cities, getting married in the park has become so popular, you have to make a reservation!

With today's emphasis on the natural, more and more invitations will probably be inviting friends and families to share the joy of Jane and John's wedding day . . . under the old oak tree in the meadow.

Choose Your Partner!

There are many ways to choose a marriage partner. Methods can range from the practical to the innovative and amusing.

For instance, marriage ads are prevalent in Similese, Tamil, and English language newspapers. Families and potential partners issue ads naming race, caste, creed, horoscope and other factors thought to be important in mate selection. Respondents reply to advertisements as they would to the usual classified listing. "Personal" ads in trade and daily papers are an offshoot of this practice.

Arranged marriages, like advertisements, seek to pair compatible couples through people rather than newspapers. A growing amount of U.S. and foreign marriages are arranged directly or indirectly through relatives or friends. Couples whose ethnic backgrounds show a tradition of arranged marriages generally comply with formal "matchmaking". Others simply follow the practice of "blind dating" suitable partners selected by those who know them best.

Many individuals "court" or date potential marriage partners as a method of determining compatibility and the fulfillment of complementary needs. As dating becomes more frequent, and partners grow closer, it is often said that the process of "falling in love" has taken place.

Others feel they have "fallen in love" the moment they have set eyes on their partner, as the individual they see appears to closely match a preconceived idea of the perfect mate.

SHOWER HER WITH GIFTS FOR KITCHEN

Your best friend is getting married and you want to give a bridal shower to reflect your special friendship — a unique party different from others she might be given, but practical, too.

Why not consider a kitchen shower? Gifts are simple, useful, and generally inexpensive.

First kitchen items most often include: cutting board, utility knife, paring knife, and a set of hanging utensils.

You'll also want to include a basic set of cooking and baking pans. Experts recommend as a general set a nine-inch skillet, a one-quart saucepan, and a three-quart covered casserole.

For baking needs, a small roasting pan, loaf pan, cookie sheet, and two-quart covered glass casserole are necessities.

For "wash day", detergent, bar soap, and small items placed in a laundry basket make a most useful and imaginative gift.

A large, inverted, paper umbrella filled with decorative small accessories is a welcome present for any bride. Wrap rubber scraper, strainer, grater, ladle, pancake turner, measuring cups, and similar articles individually in decorative paper before placing in the umbrella for a "shower of good wishes" and a "colored rainbow of surprises".

Assorted kitchen gadgets can be combined to compliment a "Broom Doll" your friend will love! Mop hair, barbeque-mitt hands, and apron skirt transform an ordinary broom into an amusing and useful gift. Don't forget to stuff the apron pockets with thread and buttons!

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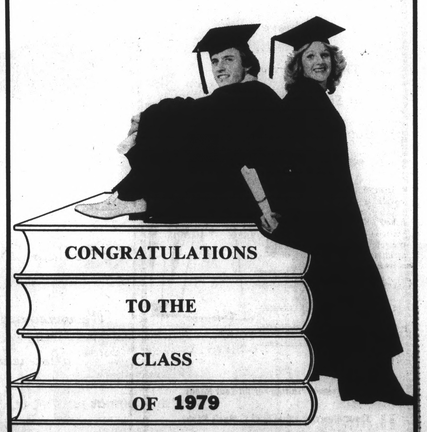

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...And Everything Went Beautifully!

"Come on Honey, smile.....it's all over and everything went beautifully." These could very well have been the words of Paula Franklin Ferguson as she fed cake to her brand new husband, Keith Ferguson.(The Franklin-Ferguson wedding was an event of Dec. 1978.)

Newlyweds Advised: Make Home Purchase Decisions Earlier

With marriage just around the corner, do you find yourself dreaming of clapboard sidings and gabled roofs? Cape Cod windows and brass door knockers? But, are you jolted out of such reveries with the words, "How can we afford it?"

Dreams of home ownership *can* become a reality for today's newlywed couple, with a little financial planning and a lot of elbow grease.

As inflation spirals upward, newlyweds — and everyone else — are redesigning their personal finances and investments to help guarantee a solid financial future. One way is by investing during the first year of marriage in a small, modestly-priced older home that needs fixing up, according to real estate experts from RELO, a not-for-profit nationwide network of relocation specialists.

They say that young couples should depart from the tradition of renting until they've saved enough for the down payment on their dream house. In these times, inflation will increase the required down payment by 25 percent in the next five years.

Instead, newlyweds are advised to look for a "starter" home in a well-established neighborhood; an investment which should appreciate at least as quickly as inflation.

Young home owners also reduce taxes through interest payments on home mortgages. The mortgage payments, at the top of any family's budget, are in effect a forced-savings plan as the couple builds up equity in a new home.

But, newlyweds who postpone buying their first home collect rent receipts rather than build equity. As property values increase, renters don't profit from rising home prices, and they cannot take advantage of many tax deductions available to home owners.

The critical point is to buy that first home as early as possible, the experts emphasize. It may be necessary for a newlywed couple to arrange financing with a ten or even five percent down payment, rather than the common twenty percent.

Yet, despite the extra costs, higher interest rates and additional service charges of mortgages with lower down payments, early home purchase decisions help newlyweds hedge against inflation. It is the first step in the youthful pair's road to a strong financial position.

What other strategies should a young married couple consider? The real estate experts offer the following tips:

- DO look for modestly priced homes in good neighborhoods. These houses may have only two bedrooms and old-fashioned kitchens and baths, but they can be improved to increase resale value.
- DON'T get in over your head. Be sure you aren't caught with a home that needs a new plumbing system, furnace, roof or electrical wiring.
- DO keep good records and receipts for all your home's costs. Virtually any expense that increases the value of your home and is passed along to a new owner can be deducted from your profits on resale to reduce taxes. Shutters, drapes, carpets, dishwashers and remodeled bathrooms are all examples of items that can be deducted if supported by records. †

Weddings with Ethnic Flavor Still Observed

Weddings reflecting the customs of other countries, other times, and various ethnic backgrounds also reflect the rich fabric of American life, woven from the cultures of people around the world.

Today, as in the past, many ethnic traditions are an important part of the wedding proceedings for many. A Greek Orthodox bride and groom wear ornate crowns during the nuptial rites, for instance. The crowns, joined by ribbon, are exchanged, symbolizing the joining together in marriage of the happy pair.

In Jewish ceremonies, this symbolic coupling is represented when the bridal couple drink wine from a single glass, which is then broken under a canopy representing the home.

The canopy transforms itself to a bridal arch at Polish weddings, as guests walk under the arch, carrying bread and salt, representing life and earth.

Anyone dancing with a Mexican bride or groom must "pay" for the dance by pinning money to their wedding clothes. Italians follow a similar custom, with the bride carrying a special purse to contain dance "payments."

Many Afro-American couples have adapted the clothing and music of their culture to form a special wedding service. This practice is also reflected in many Oriental ceremonies.

It can now be said, today's weddings are truly a mixture of tradition and sentiment as ethnic customs can be incorporated singly or combined with others to create a truly meaningful and beautiful marriage ritual.

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